

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1254  
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A RESOLUTION to commend Bridget Rejoice Braggs for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Bridget Rejoice Braggs is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for House Speaker Pro Tempore Lois DeBerry; Ms. Braggs' work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Jerome and Ruth Braggs, Bridget is a graduate of Kirby High School where she was a member of Teens for Peace, President of DECA, and featured in the *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, currently a student at the University of Memphis, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Ms. Braggs has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of her school, Ms. Braggs has been inducted into the Golden Key International Honor Society and is a member of Black Scholars Unlimited; and

WHEREAS, a public-minded citizen of the highest order, Ms. Braggs tutors inner-city children with Delta Academy; participates in Service on Saturday, a campus community service program; is a Big Sister in the Memphis Big Brothers Big Sisters program; and volunteers her time each Thanksgiving to help feed the homeless at the Cook Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Ms. Braggs has been a youth leader for her church youth group, Grace2You; spent a summer ministering to the youth in Tall Trees Detention Facility; is a founding member of Silent Grace, an interpretive dance ministry which has

ministered at numerous churches and youth explosions throughout Memphis including the Kurt Carr concert; and served as Youth Assistant Pastor prior to this internship; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. Braggs brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2004 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2004 legislative session, Ms. Braggs has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern and has been selected as Most Motivated by her fellow interns; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Braggs has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Bridget Rejoice Braggs for outstanding service as a legislative intern for House Speaker Pro Tempore Lois DeBerry and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.